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For: **DOCUMENT MODIFICATION APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

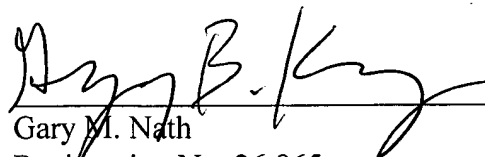
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 27, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire March 27, 2004, which makes this a timely filed response to the outstanding Office Action.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments Begin on page 7 of this paper.